

## REMARKS

### **I. Status of Claims**

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application and have been examined. Claims 1-22 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 24, 26 and 30 are objected to. Claims 1-4, 8 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Neiman *et al.* or Thompson *et al.*, and claims 1-4, 8, 20-23, 25 and 27-29 stand rejected under §102(b) over Lee *et al.* The specific grounds for rejection, and applicants' response thereto, are set out in detail below.

### **II. Objections**

The examiner has lodged an objection to the legend for FIG. 4. An amendment has been provided. In addition, objections to claims 6, 8, 10, 22 and 24 have been addressed by amendments.

### **III. Rejections**

Claims 1-22 and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as allegedly indefinite. Applicants have amended claim 1 to address the inconsistency noted by the examiner. The offending language has been removed from claim 17, claim 19 has been canceled, and claim 27 has been amended as suggested. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

#### **IV. Rejections**

##### **A. Neiman and Thompson**

Claims 1-4, 8 and 22 stand rejected as allegedly anticipated by Neiman *et al.* and Thompson *et al.* Applicants traverse, but in the interest of advancing the prosecution, the claims have been amended to incorporate into claim 1 the subject matter of claim 5, which has not been rejected. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

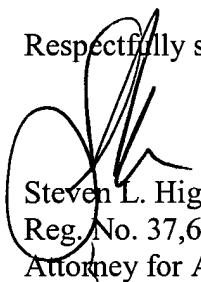
##### **B. Lee**

Claims 1-4, 8, 20-23, 25 and 27-29 stand rejected as allegedly anticipated by Lee *et al.* Applicants traverse, but in the interest of advancing the prosecution, the claims have been amended to incorporate into claim 1 the subject matter of claim 5, which has not been rejected, and similarly amended claim 23 to recite the subject matter of claim 30, which has not been rejected. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

**V. Conclusion**

In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, and an early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3184 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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